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Information for participants

I. High-level segment

Date and venue

1. The high-level segment of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs will be held in the Plenary Hall, M-Building, on 13 and 14 March 2014, at the Vienna International Centre (VIC), Wagramer Strasse 5, 1220 Vienna. The formal opening will take place on Thursday, 13 March 2014, at 9.30 a.m. Delegates are requested to be seated by 9.15 a.m.

Mandate

2. The Commission, in its resolution 56/12 entitled "Preparations for the high-level review of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem", decided that the high-level review of the progress made in the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action would be held during the Commission's fifty-seventh session, in 2014, for a period of two days, in addition to the five days usually scheduled for the regular sessions of the Commission in the first half of the year. The Commission also decided that the high-level review should consist of a general debate on the theme "Progress achieved and challenges in implementing the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards and Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem" and round-table discussions on the three pillars of the Plan of Action.

General debate of the high-level segment

3. The list of speakers for the general debate will be published in the daily journal. Statements will be limited to five minutes to enable the representatives of all Member States to address the high-level segment. In the event that the level at which a statement is to be made is subsequently changed, the speaker will be moved

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to the next available speaking slot in the appropriate category. Participants may arrange to exchange their speaking slots in accordance with the established practice of the United Nations. In such cases, written notification must be provided to the Secretariat by the parties concerned. Speakers who are not present when their turn to speak comes will be automatically moved to the next available speaking slot within their category at the same meeting.

4. All delegates making statements at the general debate are requested to provide their statement in advance to the Secretariat (by e-mail to sgb@unodc.org). Speakers from Member States should inform the Secretariat if they do not want their statement to be posted on the Commission's website. A minimum of 200 copies should be provided to the Secretariat by delegates who wish to have their statements distributed to States and organizations attending the session of the Commission.

Round-table discussions of the high-level segment

5. At its fifty-sixth session, the Commission, in its resolution 56/12, decided that the round-table discussions should focus on the three pillars of the Plan of Action:

(a) Demand reduction: reducing drug abuse and dependence through a comprehensive approach;

(b) Supply reduction: reducing the illicit supply of drugs, control of precursors and of amphetamine-type stimulants, and international cooperation on eradicating the illicit cultivation of crops used for the production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and on alternative development;

(c) International cooperation: countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation.

6. More information on the establishment of the list of speakers for the general debate and on the format and organization of the high-level segment of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs is contained in document E/CN.7/2014/13 (documents of the fifty-seventh session are available at www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CND/session/57.html).

Bilateral meetings during the high-level segment

7. For the reservation of rooms for bilateral meetings between Member States during the high-level segment (13 and 14 March 2014), please contact the following officers in the United Nations at Vienna (UNOV) Protocol Office:

Mr. Teymuraz Gogolashvili, Protocol Officer (Liaison)
(+43-1) 26060-3955

Mr. Nyron Sequeira, Representation and Protocol Assistant
(+43-1) 26060-4499

8. An e-mail can also be sent to protocol@unvienna.org. In submitting the request, Member States are reminded to include the date, time and proposed duration of the meeting and the number of officials in attendance.

Media

9. Information on accreditation for members of the media who would like to cover the high-level segment and the regular segment of the

fifty-seventh session of the Commission is available online (www.unis.unvienna.org/unis/en/media/media_accreditation.html).

10. Holders of a permanent press access card for the Vienna International Centre do not need additional press accreditation. For further information on media accreditation, write to press@unvienna.org.

11. Detailed information on facilities and briefings for the media and delegations will be available closer to the date of the meeting.

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Tel.: (+43-1) 26060-5629

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II. Regular segment

12. The fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs will resume, for its regular segment, on Monday, 17 March 2014, at 10 a.m. at the Plenary Hall, M-Building, Vienna International Centre. The Committee of the Whole of the Commission will begin its work on Monday, 17 March 2014 at 3 p.m. in Board Room A, M-Building.

13. The annotated provisional agenda and programme of work are contained in document E/CN.7/2014/1, which is available on the website of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) for the Commission's fifty-seventh session (www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CND/session/57.html).

Informal pre-session consultations

14. The Commission agreed that its fifty-seventh session should be preceded by informal consultations on Wednesday, 12 March 2014 to facilitate discussion of draft resolutions made available in advance. The informal consultations will take place in Board Room A, M-Building, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Statements

15. Delegates delivering statements are requested to supply their statement in advance to the Secretariat, preferably by e-mail (to sgb@unodc.org), or, alternatively, provide printed copies of their statement to the conference room officer in the Plenary Hall. A minimum of 200 copies should be provided to the Secretariat if delegations wish to have their statements distributed to delegations of States and organizations attending the session.

Draft resolutions

16. States intending to submit draft resolutions for consideration by the Commission at its fifty-seventh session were requested to submit them, pursuant to Commission decision 55/1, one month prior to the start of the session, which for the

fifty-seventh session is Thursday, 13 February 2014, at noon. Draft resolutions should be submitted to the Secretariat in electronic Word format and contain information on the intended scope, a proposed timetable for implementation, identification of resources available and other relevant information, accompanied by an official transmittal note and addressed to sgb@unodc.org.

17. Any revision of a draft resolution that has already been distributed as an official document must be based on the official, edited version of the text. For this purpose, sponsors are requested to obtain the finalized official electronic Word document from the Secretariat. Revisions to the text must be clearly marked using track changes in Word.

18. Member States wishing to co-sponsor draft resolutions may sign the respective signing sheet, which is with the Secretariat.

Bilateral meetings of the regular segment

19. For the reservation of rooms for bilateral meetings between Member States during the regular segment of the fifty-seventh session (17-21 March 2014), kindly contact:

UNOV Meetings Management Unit
conference@unvienna.org
(+43-1) 26060-6564

20. In submitting the request, Member States are reminded to include the date, time and proposed duration of the meeting and the number of officials to be in attendance.

Side events

21. A number of side events and exhibitions are being organized to take place during the regular segment of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission. A programme will be published shortly on the website of the Commission (www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CND/session/57.html).

III. Registration

Registration

22. The details of delegates (name, title/function, workplace, fax and telephone numbers and individual e-mail address), to be sent on official letterhead, should be sent to the Secretariat as soon as possible, and not later than Tuesday, 11 March 2014. The address of the Secretariat is as follows:

Secretariat to the Governing Bodies
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
P.O. Box 500, A-1400 Vienna, Austria
Fax: (+43-1) 26060-5885
E-mail: sgb@unodc.org

23. Providing the individual e-mail addresses will ensure that all representatives receive an automatic e-mail response confirming their registration. The automatic e-mail response will also contain a link to where each delegate may upload a

photograph (in JPEG file format), thus shortening the time it will take to issue a grounds pass on the day of registration.

24. Delegates who do not complete the pre-registration procedure will need to have photographs taken upon arrival at Gate 1 of the Vienna International Centre.

25. As part of the security arrangements, all participants are required to present their invitations or official communications identifying them as delegates, together with their passport or another official photograph-bearing identity document. Grounds passes must be worn visibly at all times in the Vienna International Centre. All persons and their bags and briefcases will be screened at the entrance to the Centre.

26. Registration will take place in the Pass Office at Gate 1 of the Vienna International Center as of Wednesday, 12 March 2014, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Given the large number of participants expected, delegates are encouraged to register on Wednesday, 12 March, and complete the registration process at the latest by 9 a.m. on Thursday, 13 March 2014, in order to be on time for the opening meeting.

27. Commissary passes will be issued, upon completion of the registration process, to heads of Member State delegations, professional staff members of specialized agencies and all staff members of the United Nations assigned to the Commission from duty stations other than Vienna.

28. Permanent missions are encouraged to collect access cards for their delegates who have pre-registered at the Pass Office at Gate 1 as of Tuesday, 11 March 2014.

List of participants

29. The preliminary list of participants in the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, including its high-level segment, will be issued on Friday, 14 March 2014. Only those registered and the names of participants officially communicated to the Secretariat by Tuesday, 11 March 2014 at the very latest can be included in the preliminary list. Accordingly, Governments and organizations are requested to communicate the necessary information promptly.

IV. Security

30. During the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, including the high-level segment, from 13 to 21 March 2014, the Austrian authorities will be responsible for security outside the premises of the Vienna International Centre. The United Nations Security and Safety Service will be responsible for security inside the Vienna International Centre.

31. Specific requests regarding security arrangements and related matters should be addressed to:

Chief of the United Nations Security and Safety Service
United Nations Office at Vienna, P.O. Box 500
A-1400 Vienna, Austria,
Room F0E08
VICSecurityChiefOffice@unvienna.org.
Tel.: (+43-1) 26060-3901; fax (+43-1) 26060-5834

32. For security reasons, conference participants are requested not to leave luggage, briefcases or laptops unattended.

V. Documentation

33. The official languages of the session are the six official languages of the United Nations: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. Official documents of the session will be made available in all six official languages.

34. Documentation to facilitate consideration of some of the issues on the provisional agenda are available on the website of the fifty-seventh session (www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CND/session/57.html).

35. As part of the Secretariat's efforts to reduce expenditure and limit environmental impact through the digitization of conference materials and publications, only a limited number of printed pre-session documents will be available at the session venue. Each delegation will receive a single complete set of the documents in the language of its choice. Delegates are therefore kindly requested to bring their own copies of the pre-session documents to the meeting.

36. The main document distribution counter during the session's high-level segment (13-14 March 2014) and the regular segment (17-21 March 2014) will be located on the 1st floor of the M-Building. Each delegation will be provided with a distribution box for documents and the Journal. The Journal will contain the daily programme and other information related to the conduct of the session.

VI. Travel of participants from States members of the Commission

37. The funding policy of the United Nations with respect to the subsidiary bodies of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council is to defray only the cost of airfare for one representative of each State that is a member of the body in question. Governments are requested to transmit an official notification to the Secretariat with the details of the representative for whom a ticket is to be provided, indicating his/her official mailing address, telephone and fax numbers and official e-mail address, as well as his/her date of birth and a copy of his/her passport. In compliance with the instructions from the Under-Secretary-General for Management, tickets have to be issued at the latest two weeks prior to the departure date. Therefore, only those requests that are received by the Secretariat by Monday, 17 February 2014 will be processed. The Secretariat will not be able to process requests received after that date. Governments may purchase the ticket of their representative and submit a request for reimbursement to the Secretariat following the meeting, in accordance with relevant United Nations rules (ST/SGB/107/Rev.6). The Secretariat will provide information in this regard upon request. Requests for reimbursement are to be submitted to the Secretariat (M0123).

VII. General information

Conference rooms

38. Each seat in the conference rooms in the M-Building of the Vienna International Centre for which simultaneous interpretation is available will be equipped with a portable receiving set and headphone. Participants are requested not to remove that equipment from the meeting rooms so that it may be checked periodically and the batteries recharged if necessary.

Use of mobile phones and laptops

39. Conference participants are kindly requested to keep their cellular telephones switched off inside conference rooms, as they cause radio frequency interference in the sound system, adversely affecting the sound quality of interpretation and the recording of proceedings.

40. The use of laptops in conference rooms can cause similar problems. Conference participants are requested not to use laptops next to open microphones.

Visas

41. Participants who require a visa must contact the competent diplomatic or consular authorities of Austria and apply for a Schengen short-stay (C) visa at least three weeks prior to their intended date of arrival in Austria. In countries where Austria does not have diplomatic or consular representation, visa applications can be submitted to the consular authority of a State party to the Schengen Agreement acting on behalf of Austria in the country concerned. The Secretariat may, upon request by the Government, provide a note verbale containing information on the applicant's participation in the session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, which may be of use in the visa application process. In order to provide the note verbale, the Secretariat requires the complete name as stated in the passport of the applicant, as well as his or her date of birth, nationality, passport details and an official confirmation from the Government represented by the applicant of his or her participation. A note verbale/official letter should be received by the Secretariat at least three weeks prior to the start of the meeting.

Accommodation

42. Each participant is responsible for making his or her own accommodation arrangements and, if necessary, contacting his or her permanent mission in Vienna for assistance.

43. Participants who arrive at the Vienna International Airport without having made a hotel reservation may wish to contact the Vienna tourist service desk located next to the information counter in the arrival area. The Vienna tourist service desk is open daily from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Transportation

44. Participants are responsible for making their own arrangements for transportation to and from the airport and the Vienna International Centre.

45. An airport bus service operates between the Vienna International Airport and Morzinplatz (U1/U4 metro station at Schwedenplatz) at a cost of 6 euros, including luggage. Journey time is approximately 20 minutes. Buses leave the airport for Morzinplatz at 1.20 a.m. and 2.50 a.m. and every 30 minutes from 4.50 a.m. to 12.20 a.m. Buses leave Morzinplatz for the airport at 12.30 a.m., 2 a.m. and every 30 minutes from 4 a.m. to 11.30 p.m.

46. There is also a bus service between the Vienna International Centre (next to the "Kaisermühlen/Vienna International Centre" station on the U1 metro line) and the Vienna International Airport. The fare is 8 euros for a one-way ticket and 13 euros for a return ticket. The trip takes approximately 20-45 minutes. Buses leave the airport for the Vienna International Centre every hour from 7.10 a.m. to 8.10 p.m. and leave the Vienna International Centre for the airport every hour from 5.58 a.m. to 6.58 p.m.

47. The City Airport Train (CAT) transports passengers between the CAT terminal in Vienna (the "Wien Mitte/Landstrasse" station on the U3 and U4 metro lines) and the Vienna International Airport. The fare is 11 euros for a one-way ticket and 17 euros for a return ticket, and the travel time is about 16 minutes. Trains leave the airport for Wien Mitte/Landstrasse every 30 minutes from 6.06 a.m. to 11.36 p.m. and leave Wien Mitte/Landstrasse for the airport every 30 minutes from 5.36 a.m. to 11.06 p.m.

VIII. Facilities

48. The following facilities will be available to participants at the Vienna International Centre.

Delegates' working areas and wireless network connection

49. Wireless connectivity is available everywhere in the M-Building. Delegates' working areas ("cyber corners") with personal computers equipped with standard software and Internet access will be located on the ground floor of the M-Building, as well as on the seventh floor (C0751) of the C-Building.

Post office, telephones and faxes

50. A post office on the first floor of C-Building of the Vienna International Centre (ext. 4986) provides all regular postal services, including a fax service, from Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

First aid

51. Medical attention is available from the clinic operated by the Joint Medical Services located at the Vienna International Centre, F-Building, seventh floor (ext. 22224 and, for emergencies, ext. 22222). The clinic is open from 8.30 a.m. until noon and from 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., except on Thursdays, when it is open from 8.30 a.m. until noon and from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. For emergency assistance at other times, please contact the Central Security Office in room F0E21 (ext. 3903).

Banks

52. Bank Austria has a branch providing full banking services on the first floor of C-Building, as well as a cashpoint (ATM) at the entrance level of D-Building of the Vienna International Centre. The office hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Catering services

53. The cafeteria is located on the ground floor of F-Building. The cafeteria is open from 7.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. (breakfast) and from 11.30 a.m. to 2.45 p.m. (lunch). The coffee area in the cafeteria is open from 8.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. The restaurant is currently closed for renovations.

54. The coffee areas in the M-Building and the C-Building (C07) are open from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. The Cocktail Lounge is located in the C-Building (C02), with opening hours from 11.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Receptions at the Vienna International Centre can be arranged by contacting the catering operations office ((+43-1) 26060-4875; e-mail: catering@unido.org).

Travel services

55. The American Express office (room number C0E01) is available to participants requiring assistance with travel, car rentals, sightseeing and excursions. The office is open Monday to Friday from 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Access to the Vienna International Centre

56. Participants arriving at the Vienna International Centre by taxi are advised to get off in the side lane (Nebenfahrbahn) of Wagramer Strasse, register at Gate 1, walk across Memorial Plaza, proceed to entrance "A" and follow the signs to M-Building. Participants arriving by metro (U1 line) should get off at the "Kaisermühlen/Vienna International Centre" station, follow the signs marked "Vienna International Centre", register at Gate 1, walk across Memorial Plaza and proceed to entrance "A".

57. There are no parking facilities for conference participants, except for permanent mission delegates in possession of a valid parking permit.

58. Attention is drawn to the delegates' handbook (available at www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/handbook.html).